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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing in opposition to the AT&T's petition to repeal Section 251(c)(3) in the 1996 Telecommunications Act. In the petition, AT&T falsely claims that residential consumers will not be affected, because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

My internet is provided by a company called Sonic. Without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect consumers like me while they build their fiber networks, nor fund the construction of their fiber networks. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all of their fiber networks.

I was a customer of Comcast before I switched to a vastly superior internet connection provided by Sonic. And I am paying less (much less) for that superior service. Without competition, this would not have happened.

Internet connection is essential to daily life in the 21st century. FCC must do all it can to promote a lively and competitive Internet Provider market place.

Sincerely,

Chai Tunyaplin